

# NEWSLETTER



ARBORETA & BOTANIC GARDENS

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## EDUCATION DIVISION

Response for Mini Course workshops is excellent with two classes already closed. This year for the first time there are 3 workshops offered in the evening: Plant Propagation, Plant Breeding and Hybridization, and Growing Bulbs in Containers.

Sandy Snider and Jae Pack inventoried our library holdings. We now have 23,942 items in our library.

## ARBORETUM DIVISION

Welcome to Mr. Ed Brooks our new Grounds Maintenance Man.

Jess Tomory is busy these days building a new shade structure in the Home Demonstration Gardens. This project should be completed this week and will be used to display hanging baskets.

Wendy Taylor, a member of Las Voluntarias, is doing over the Bromeliad house into a more natural setting.

Calvin Allen was hospitalized recently for a bleeding ulcer but has since returned home and is progressing nicely. He will be off for two weeks to recuperate and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

## RESEARCH DIVISION

We would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome our new Secretary, Beverly Smith. Beverly took over for Judy Lauber on August 12, and in just three short weeks has become a valuable member of the Research Division. Before coming to the Arboretum, she served as an Intermediate Typist-Clerk in the L.A. County Crippled Children Services for almost two years. She is married and her husband also works for the County as a Probation Officer at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall. Beverly's hobbies include camping, fishing, and hiking. She loves the out-of-doors. What better place to work than the Arboretum.

Congratulations to Judy and Wayne Loescher who recently became the proud parents of a baby boy.

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His name is Karl Loescher.

## SOUTH COAST DIVISION

Sanitation Department is installing a new drain along the southern boundary of the property, the Department of Beaches picked up a number of palms for use in a landscape program in Manhattan Beach, and the Mechanical Department surprised us with a bouncing baby Ford Courier to replace our retired Westcoaster.

Jim Terukina is vacationing in Hawaii, his home state. Herb Woodworth and family, native Californians, are spending part of their vacation playing tourist at all the local attractions they haven't seen yet.

Barbequed chicken was the paper-plate special at the staff party August 10. Trimmings included corn on the cob, potato salad, beer, ping pong, badminton, and a frog captured by Gene Johnson's son. It was good to see Joe Mendoza, former Arboretum Gardener, all spruced up and getting around well with the aid of a walker.

## ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

Although gasoline and fuel oils are now more readily available to the consuming public, the energy crisis is still and will be in the future a continuing, ever more serious problem. The energy problem has moved from an immediate crisis stage of severe shortage to an economic problem of greatly increased cost and with a limited ability to increase available supplies. Therefore, there is an enduring need for County Government to continue its efforts to reduce wasteful, inefficient and unnecessary uses of energy.

Congratulations and thank you for your energy conservation efforts! Not only have you the employees through your efforts saved a considerable amount of money on behalf of the tax payers - \$1,000,000 in the last six months; but through you the County is managing its Energy Conservation Program which the Federal Energy Administration has called the best in the country.